SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Sumner County Emergency Communications District Gallatin, Tennessee

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District, a component unit of Sumner County, Tennessee as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. My opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's basic financial statements. The introductory section and supplementary information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated February 8, 2017, on my consideration of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

D. Gregory Johnson, CPA Columbia, Tennessee

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February 8, 2017

SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ROSTER OF MANAGEMENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Management Officials

Richard W. Shaffer, Jr., Director Tonya Jetton, Assistant Director

Board of Directors

Archie McKinnis, Board Chairman, Citizen
Jimmy Anderson, Vice Chairman, Citizen
Bill Kemp, Secretary/Treasurer, County Clerk
Anthony Holt, County Executive
Paul Freels, Commissioner
Billy Still, Citizen
Jerry Stone, Commissioner
Ben Harris, Commissioner
Michael Guthrie, Commissioner

SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2016

ASSETS

Current assets	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 3,846,610
Capital assets	
Furniture and fixtures	49,025
Office equipment	51,500
Communications equipment	3,026,573
Leasehold improvements	332,097
•	3,459,195
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,548,818)
Construction in progress	1,910,377 65,419
Construction in progress	03,419
Total capital assets	1,975,796
Total assets	\$ 5,822,406
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
Current liabilities	
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 136,679
Long-term debt, less current portion shown above	
Total liabilities	136,679
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	1,839,117
Unrestricted	3,846,610
Total net position	5,685,727
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 5,822,406

SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Operating revenue	
TECB distribution of 911 surcharges	\$ 1,360,488
TECB distribution of excess revenue	26,212
Total revenue	1,386,700
Operating expenses	
Contracted services	489,062
Supplies, materials and maintenance	1,366
Other charges	46,213
Depreciation	297,909
Total operating expenses	834,550
Net operating income	552,150
Nonoperating revenue (expense)	
Interest income	15,932
Interest expense	(14,171)
Net nonoperating income	1,761
Increase in net position	553,911
Net position, beginning of year	5,131,816
Net position, end of year	\$ 5,685,727

SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Cash flows from operating activities Receipts from surcharges	\$ 1,386,700
Payments to suppliers	(536,641)
Net cash provided by operating activities	850,059
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	
Principal paid on capital outlay note	(399,288)
Interest paid on capital outlay note	(14,171)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(413,459)
Cash flows from investing activities	
Interest income	15,932
Net increase in cash	452,532
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	3,394,078
Cash and equivalents, end of year	\$ 3,846,610
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash	
flows from operating activities	
Net operating income	\$ 552,150
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income	
to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	297,909
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 850,059

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

Sumner County Emergency Communications District (the District) is a political sub-division created in November 1986. The District was organized to provide emergency communication to all fire and law enforcement departments of Sumner County. Although the District is considered a municipality under its enabling legislation, it cannot levy or collect taxes and the charges for services shall not be considered or classified as taxes. The District is managed by a nine-member board of directors who are appointed by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners. Sumner County maintains controlling interest on the District board in that six of the nine board members must consist of the County Executive, the County Clerk, and four members of the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners.

The District is a discretely presented component unit of Sumner County, Tennessee, and the financial statements are presented in both the District's separate financial report and within the Sumner County, Tennessee financial report. The District is considered a discretely presented component unit of Sumner County as defined under the criteria set forth in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 14, because the district would be unable to issue debt without going through Sumner County, Tennessee. The District is self-supported by a telephone subscriber fee charged to the citizens of Sumner County. The District's financial statements include only the assets and operations of the District, and do not include any other fund, organization, agency or department of Sumner County.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The District's financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred, even though actual payment or receipt may not occur until after the period ends. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations are included in the statement of net position. Net position (i.e., total assets net of total liabilities) is segregated into net investment in capital assets and unrestricted components.

The District has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 62, Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements, required for fiscal periods beginning after December 15, 2011. This Statement incorporates into the GASB's authoritative literature certain accounting and financial reporting guidance, included in certain FASB and AICPA pronouncements issued prior to November 30, 1989, which does not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

The District distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the District's principal ongoing operations.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

The principal operating revenues of the District are emergency telephone service charges to residents for providing emergency 911 services. Operating expenses include administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

The District has adopted GASB Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position. The objective of this statement is to provide guidance for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in a statement of financial position. The Statement resulted in a change in the presentation of the balance sheets to what is now referred to as the statement of net position and the term "net assets" is changed to "net position" throughout the financial statements.

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the District had neither a deferred inflow nor outflow of resources.

Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted - net position and unrestricted - net position in the financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted - net position to have been depleted before unrestricted - net position is applied.

Use of Estimates

Preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of net position and the statement of cash flows, Sumner County Emergency Communications District considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Additions to capital assets are recorded at acquisition cost or estimated market value at the date of donation in the case of donated property. Depreciation and amortization are provided for in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of the assets to operations over their estimated service lives using the half-year convention, straight-line method of depreciation.

Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Building and improvements	10 - 40 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Office equipment	5 - 10 years
Communications equipment	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 years

Income Taxes

Sumner County Emergency Communications District is a tax-exempt organization under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code and, accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes has been made.

Budgetary Data

The District is required by state statute to adopt an annual budget. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the Board of Directors prepares an operating budget and submits to the Sumner County Commission for approval. The annual budget is prepared on the basis in which current available funds must be sufficient to meet current expenditures. Expenses must be presented at the legal level of control, which is defined to be at the line-item level. The District utilizes cash basis accounting for the budget as depreciation is not budgeted, and outlays for capital items are budgeted as expenses. Therefore the budget is not intended to be presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The budget may be amended by the Board as conditions warrant throughout the year.

Date of Management's Review

Subsequent events were evaluated through February 8, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE B - CASH AND DEPOSITORY COLLATERAL

The District's current policies limit deposit of funds to accounts with commercial banks which are required to pledge securities as collateral for the deposits should they be in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage of \$250,000. The financial institutions used by the District have either pledged securities as collateral or the institutions are participants in the Tennessee Collateral Pool, which was established to provide security for public funds deposits in excess of FDIC coverage. At yearend, all of the District's deposits were fully insured by the FDIC and the Tennessee Collateral Pool.

The District's investment policy follows state law which authorizes investments for emergency communications districts in *Tennessee Code Annotated* Section 5-8-301. State statutes authorize the District to invest in obligations of the federal government, federal agencies, state government, the state investment pool, certificates of deposit, other time deposits, and repurchase agreements, which require the approval of the State Director of Local Finance.

NOTE C - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2016, is presented below:

	Balance June 30, 2015	Increases	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance June 30, 2016
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Construction in progress	\$ 65,419			\$ 65,419
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Furniture and fixtures	49,025	-	_	49,025
Office equipment	51,500	-	-	51,500
Communications equipment	3,026,573	- '	-	3,026,573
Leasehold improvements	332,097	<u>-</u>		332,097
Total cost	3,459,195	_	-	3,459,195
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Furniture and fixtures	(13,236)	(4,774)	-	(18,010)
Office equipment	(15,464)	(4,783)	-	(20,247)
Communications equipment	(1,202,099)	(280,050)	-	(1,482,149)
Leasehold improvements	(20,110)	(8,302)		(28,412)
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,250,909)	(297,909)	_	(1,548,818)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	2,208,286	(297,909)	_	1,910,377
Total capital assets, net	\$ 2,273,705	\$ (297,909)	_\$	\$ 1,975,796

NOTE C – CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Depreciation charged to expense for the current year amounted to \$297,909.

The District has incurred \$65,419 in construction costs to date for its share of the costs associated with the new Sumner County Emergency Response Center.

NOTE D – LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the Sumner County Interfund Capital Outlay Note, Series 2011, in the amount of \$1,870,872, dated October 14, 2011. The interfund capital outlay note bears interest at 4% per annum and is payable by the District to the County in monthly installments of \$34,455 over five years. The note is secured by the revenues and reserves of the District.

The purpose of the capital outlay note is to assist with the funding of the hardware, software, setup, and training costs associated with the District's purchase of NG-911 communication equipment and software.

A summary of long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2016 is as follows:

Sumner County Interfund Capital Outlay Note

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Dated	Rate	Jun	e 30, 2015	Ad	ditions	K	eductions	Jun	ie 30, 2016	Year
Series 2011	4.000%	\$	535,967	\$	_	\$	399,288	\$	136,679	\$ 136,679
Less current m	aturities								(136,679)	
Total noncurre	nt portion							\$		

The annual requirements to amortize long-term debt outstanding as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Years ending June 30 th ,	Principal		Principal Interest		st <u>Total</u>	
2017	\$_	136,679	\$	1,141		137,820

Interest charged to expense amounted to \$14,171 for the year ended June 30, 2016.

NOTE E - MAJOR REVENUE SOURCES

Revenue for operation and maintenance of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District is generated by a surcharge placed on residential and business phone lines. Prior to January 1, 2015, the surcharge was collected by AT&T Telephone Company and remitted to the District monthly less a 3% administrative fee. Effective January 1, 2015, all surcharge revenues from telephone companies that have been paid to the districts in the past are now paid directly to the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board (TECB) as stipulated in the new 911 Funding Modernization Act. The TECB established a base funding amount for each emergency communications district. The base amount for the District was \$1,360,488 for the year ended June 30, 2016. The TECB may distribute excess revenues at their discretion. These revenues are recognized by the District in the period the funding is distributed by the TECB. In the year ended June 30, 2016, the District received \$26,212 in excess revenues.

NOTE F – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. For the year ended June 30, 2016, the District was insured against potential losses associated with these risks through the purchase of commercial insurance policies written for Sumner County or the other governmental departments serviced by the District. There have been no material losses in excess of insurance coverage during the last three years.

NOTE G - SERVICE ARRANGEMENT CONTRACT

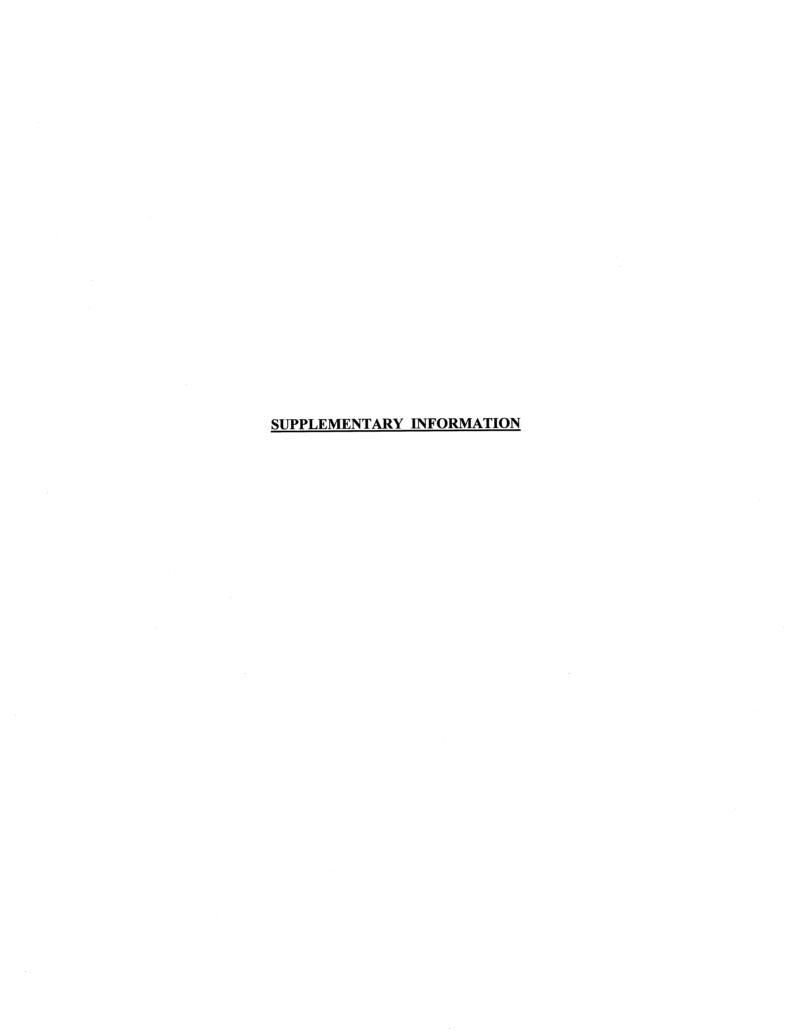
The District has negotiated a service application with AT&T Telecommunications for the installation and service of an Enhanced 911 Emergency Service System. AT&T furnishes equipment and service sufficient to operate the system for an initial installation fee and a monthly fee based upon the number of telephone stations and access lines served by the System. Current year amounts charged to expense by the District for use of this equipment was \$115,175.

NOTE H – OPERATIONAL CONTRACT

The District has contracted with S & S Communications, Inc., for all day-to-day supervision and clerical operations of the District. This contract is negotiated annually on July 1 and is reflected in these financial statements as Director and Assistant contract of \$103,758. All calls processed by the District communication system are processed by dispatchers located at various, police, fire, or medical emergency stations. All dispatchers are employees of the respective emergency departments.

NOTE I – COMMITMENT

The District has committed to Sumner County \$755,729 toward the construction of a new Sumner County Emergency Response Center to house a consolidated E911 center. As of June 30, 2016, the District had incurred \$65,419 in construction costs.



SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Contracted services	
Address & mapping	\$ 3,100
Audit services	5,000
Accounting services	3,996
Contracts for language interpreting	970
Director & assistant contract	103,758
Other professional services	6,652
Maintenance agreements	250,053
Leased communications equipment	115,533
	489,062
Supplies, materials and maintenance	
Office supplies	342
Postage	47
Equipment purchases not capitalized	317
Uniforms	300
Utilities	2.50
Cell phones and pagers	 360
	 1,366
Other charges	
Dues and memberships	1,641
Insurance	
Equipment	6,106
Surety bond	267
Training	22,855
Travel	14,889
Advertising	 455
	 46,213
Depreciation	 297,909
	 834,550

SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION BUDGET AND ACTUAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Favorable (Unfavorable)
Operating revenue				
TECB distribution of 911 surcharges TECB distribution of excess revenue	\$ 1,360,704	\$ 1,360,704 26,004	\$ 1,360,488 26,212	\$ (216) 208
	1,360,704	1,386,708	1,386,700	(8)
Operating expenses				
Contracted services				
Address & mapping	140,004	138,744	3,100	135,644
Audit services	5,004	5,004	5,000	4
Accounting services	3,996	3,996	3,996	-
Contracts for language interpreting	-	2,004	970	1,034
Director & assistant contract	103,788	103,788	103,758	30
Other professional services	-	33,000	6,652	26,348
Fees paid to service providers	35,004	-	-	-
Legal services	408	408	-	408
Maintenance agreements	271,392	271,392	250,053	21,339
Leased communications equipment	168,000	168,000	115,533	52,467
	727,596	726,336	489,062	237,274
Supplies, materials and maintenance				
Office supplies	504	504	342	162
Postage	156	156	47	109
Equipment purchases not capitalized	6,000	6,000	317	5,683
Uniforms	300	300	300	-
Utilities				
Cell phones and pagers	360	360	360	
	7,320	7,320	1,366	5,954

SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Favorable (Unfavorable)
Other charges				
Claims and judgements	5,004	5,004	 .	5,004
Dues and memberships	1,680	1,680	1,641	39
Insurance	•	•	ŕ	_
Equipment	5,700	6,108	6,106	2
Surety bond	504	504	267	237
Public education	120	120	-	120
Service awards	108	108	-	108
Training	60,000	60,000	22,855	37,145
Travel	18,000	18,000	14,889	3,111
Advertising	156	1,008	455	553
Internet charges	900	900		900
	92,172	93,432	46,213	47,219
Total operating expenses	827,088	827,088	536,641	290,447
Operating revenues in				
excess of expenses	533,616	559,620	850,059	290,439
Nonoperating revenue (expenses)				
Interest income	1,620	1,620	15,932	14,312
TECB grants and reimbursements	218,400	218,400	-	(218,400)
Debt service	(414,000)	(414,000)	(413,459)	541
Capital asset purchases	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)		1,500,000
Total nonoperating revenue (expenses)	(1,693,980)	(1,693,980)	(397,527)	1,296,453
Increase (decrease) in budgetary net position	\$(1,160,364)	\$(1,134,360)	\$ 452,532	\$ 1,586,892
Budget to Actual Reconciliation				
Increase in budgetary net position			\$ 452,532	
Principal paid with debt service			399,288	
Depreciation not budgeted			(297,909)	
Actual increase in net position			\$ 553,911	

SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT OBLIGATIONS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	Sumner County Capital Outlay Note					
Years Ending June 30th,	Ending June 30 th , Principal Interest		Total			
2017	\$ 136,679	\$ 1,141	\$ 137,820			

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors Sumner County Emergency Communications District Gallatin, Tennessee

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District, a component unit of Sumner County, Tennessee, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated February 8, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's internal control

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sumner County Emergency Communications District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

D. Gregory Johnson, CPA Columbia, Tennessee

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February 8, 2017

SUMNER COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

There were no prior year findings reported.